# SHWETA PRASAD-MULCARE

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2005 to Present George Washington University Washington, DC **Research Assistant** 

- Worked on independent project in solid state physics laboratory
- Used the Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) and Chemical Force Microscopy (CFM) to study interactions between opposing surfaces.
  - Skilled at imaging soft materials, both in solution and in air.
  - Chemically modified tips with self assembled monolayers (SAMs) of ODT (1-octadecanethiol) and MUA (11-Mercaptoundecanoic acid) in order to probe the electronegative structure of the sample (the inner membrane of a dialyzer fibre)
  - Gained extensive experience in functionalizing AFM tips with thiol linkers.
  - Developed titration curves to measure molecular forces of surface vs. pH of the ambient solution.
  - Gained proficiency in analyzing force volume curves using Matlab.
- Conducted scientific literature searches to gather and summarize information

Aug 2005 to Dec 2005 George Washington University Washington, DC **Teaching Assistant** 

Instructed physics 001 laboratory

Sep 2002 to May 2003 Institute for Biomedical Sciences Washington, DC

## Office Assistant

Engaged in clerical work and office maintenance

Oct 2001 to Sep 2002 Xando-Cosi

Arlington, VA

# Server, Barista, Hostess

- Waited tables
- Prepared food and beverages
- Greeted and seated restaurant patrons

Jun 1997 to Jun 2000 Suchak's Hospital

Mumbai, India

## Yoga Instructor

- Instructed 45 minute class; Monday through Friday
- Emphasis on hatha yoga
- Average class size: 20; ages 7 through 80

#### Office Assistant

- Researched for and drafted speeches for Dr. Suchak and staff
- Assisted in clinical research projects
- Handled daily paperwork

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Aug 2004 to Jan 2005 American Red Cross Washington, DC Coordinator, Youth Task Force (YTF)

- Served as Youth Advisor
  - Coordinator, Youth Advisor team and several YTF projects
  - O Attended YTF and Youth Advisor meetings and events and offered a critique of the program and the role of the Youth Advisor in it
  - Offered support and advice to members of the YTF, especially during fund raising campaigns and service implementation projects.
- Established project to document living history of Youth Services and conducted oral interviews in furtherance of this end.
- Edited and formatted the American Red Cross calendar of events for the upcoming school year
- Edited the Youth Task Force quarterly newsletter
- Conducted research and summarized data about demographics and crime statistics for counties in metro D.C area that have Youth Services programs.

Dec 1997 & Dec 1999 Suchak's Hospital Mumbai, India **Volunteer, Suchak's Hospital Breast Feeding Awareness Campaign** 

 Participated in street-to-street activities, promoting awareness among mothers and mothers-to-be

Jun 1998 to Aug 1998 Army Wives Welfare Association Ranchi, India **Volunteer** 

- Helped to start workshops in screen printing, pottery, and tailoring
- Assisted in arranging free OB-GYN check-ups for soldiers' wives

Jul 1995 to May 1997 Mother Teresa Home Mumbai, India **Volunteer** 

 Read to and spent time with orphans and elderly, approximately 5 hours per week Aug 2002 to Present George Washington University Washington, DC **BS/Physics** 

- Graduated with special departmental honors in May 2006
- Cumulative **GPA 3.93**
- Specific coursework in biophysics of microsystems include topics such as: Random Walks, Friction, and Diffusion; The Low-Reynolds-Number World; Entropy, Temperature and Free Energy; Chemical Forces and Self Assembly; Cooperative Transition in Macromolecules; Enzymes and Molecular Machines; Electroosmotic effects.

Jun 1993 to Mar 1995 Mithibai College(Senior High) Mumbai, India

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> standard certificate
- Emphasis on sciences in coursework
- Graduated with distinction

#### ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

Dec 1993 to Mar 1994 Nazareth's Speakers Academy Mumbai, India

Course in public speaking.

Elected "Best Speaker" by judges in the graduating seminar.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

May 2004 to Aug 2004 George Washington University Washington, DC

## Howard Hughes summer scholar

- Commenced project using solid state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) to study synthetic membrane proteins.
- Designed and built a thermostat to maintain protein within one degree Fahrenheit of desired temperature.

#### Member Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, Washington DC

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Aug 2004 to Present George Washington University Washington, DC

# Founder and President, "Physics and Philosophy Club"

- Established the Physics and Philosophy Club in Fall of 2004
- Club members include faculty and students of the Physics and Philosophy departments.
- The club meets at least once every month.
- Discussions have included such topics as probability, randomness, knowledge and causality, artificial intelligence, information and its

relation to physical reality, theories of science, metaphysics and ethics, and science and spirituality.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Possess working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Microsoft Windows, Word, and Excel

## LANGUAGES

Spoken and read fluently: Hindi

## REFERENCES

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